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The Opening Guns.

after the Christmas truce, so to say, self. it will be warmly and energetically conducted is a safe calculation.

An honest confession is good for the soul. In this matter it would be good for the country. Why should not the democratic leaders confess to certain things which cannot be successfully contested?

Take this. Everybody now knows the Underwood law went into effect. Of course, the new law did not cause the rise. And yet the campaign of 1012 was won in part on that assertion. The democrats said in substance to the voters: "Give us the power, and we'll reduce the figures for living by repealing the Payne law was given, and has been exercised, but the promised relief is lacking.

Take this. It was also promised that a new law would benefit business. All industries would receive an impetus; none, a setback. The very opposite has been the result. Activities in certain lines of producdustry, threatened with annihilation, will be saved because of the reve-

Now here are two propositions, it raffic must be insured. both mistaken, which entered into the On Pennsylvania avenue, the widest "give" elsewhere any time?

business confidence.

upside down. Business and revenue dislocated. Conditions existing when have passed away never to return. be awaited with some apprehension. and of business.

If Austria upholds and Germany condemns sinking neutrals without warning or consideration for innocent lives, submarine commanders will find it difficult to select their

English recruiting officers do not stop to ask questions or sing songs, but take it for granted that boys were raised to be soldiers in case of

their country's need. No Second-Term Pledge.

A reader of the New York Tribune, writing to the editor from Brooklyn, says:

"If your recent editorial insinua-tion concerning the solemn pledge of Mr. Wilson to one term is to be taken as your true opinion, you and the rest of the President's detractors are destined to be rudely awakened. How long before your kind will understand that Mr. Wilson is a man who means what he says? Above the sordid, self-seeking type, cast in the majestic mold of a Washington, this immortal man, in the face of an alluring temptation to disregard his solemn pledge and despite the urgent appeal of his party, will give to the world an example of self-abnegation which will be a lesson to all New York Tribunes and their like for-Mr. Wilson to one term is to be York Tribunes and their like for-

Mr. Wilson is under no such the one-term plank of the Baltimore pose as summer resorts. platform. He knows of its existence, and must have heard of the interpretations put upon it by many demo-

silent on the subject. ance in the light of developments.

one-term proposition is not as em- In its annual report the commission barrassing as must be that of many now enters a protest against the men who were at Baltimore, were tendency to proceed in public con-

consulted about that plank in the struction regardless of the standards platform, and expected him to be which good taste have established. governed by it. They have changed If the fine arts commission is to be their minds. Without any pressure retained in existence its decisions

Would he not by such an act pracdemocrat associable with the presi- federal city of practical beauty. dency would care for a cast-off nomi-

The revenue war is on. It began If this Brooklyn man is not indulgin the House yesterday. Its length ing in some veiled sarcasm, he is cannot now be forecast. But that, scheduled for a rude awakening him-

The New Curb Rule.

The question of parking motor cars has become a serious one in Washington, and is alfeady troubling business men and authorities. In order to provide space for standing cars and to leave the curbs free for newly arriving and quickly departing that the high cost of living was not seeiles the rule has been adopted caused by the protective tariff. It that no chicle shall be left at the has risen rather than declined, since curb longer than is necessary to discharge or take on passengers, on such streets > have been provided with central parking spaces. A sudden application of this rule has aroused the merchants of one of the downtown business streets to make a protest, and the matter is now to and putting a better, drafted on lice and the Commissioners or in be thrashed out with the chief of po-

Space must be found somewhere for the storage of cars during the day in a garage during business hours. This entails a heavy expense upon those who operate their own motors, who tion are attributable to the war, and are in the great majority, and lessens not to the new law. Depression in the usefulness of the car. The maother lines is marked. The sugar in- chine that is pasked somewhere near the place of business is convenient for operation at any time, and its nue involved. But when the new custody costs nothing. But there is law was taking shape sugar was not room for all the cars whose ownmarked for the free list, on the ers desire to keep them thus within ground that the general interests, range of the business places, unless revenue included, demanded such ac- the street space is dangerously occupied for this purpose. Clearance

Underwood revision. They are street in Washington, central parking among the foundation stones of the spaces have been provided which afnew law. As both have crumbled, ford an abundance of room for the is the superstructure safe? Should cars of the business men of that secit not be remodeled and strength- tion, and for vehicles for hire and May not the foundation for the cars of customers. But the like a city-when improvements are use of both sides of the street car Nothing of this has to do with the tracks narrows the roadway so that war. The defects mentioned had ap- from being the widest and safest peared before the war began. They street in the city Pennsylvania aveexisted, and would have appeared if nue along the parked space has bethere had been no war. We were come one of the most dangerously on the wrong tack so far as the tar- congested. It is doubtful whether iff was concerned, and headed for the fire apparatus, which frequently embarrassments, both as to neces- uses the avenue for its downtown sary revenue for the support of the runs, could find a safe course with government, and as to a revival of the central lines occupied in any degree and with vehicles even momen-And since the Underwood law was tarily drawn up at the curbs. The enacted the world has been turned fire engines, trucks and water tower resolutely; "then you and father come along with very little warning can't have any Christmas eve party." connections everywhere have been and traffic has small chance to adjust itself when the emergency arises. the Sixty-third Congress assembled The result of these conditions is to

The existing tariff law, therefore, is As for the sudden enforcement of an anachronism, and should be as the new curb rule, although the usual soon as possible displaced by a re- formal notice of thirty days was vision taking into account all ex- given of its adoption, it is to be isting needs of both the government expected that the police and the courts will exercise the discretion and clemency due to the unconscious and unwitting violators. It will take some time to work out a practice of vehicle handling which will strictly conform to the rule, and experience may demonstrate that the rule requires amendment.

> Austria will, of course, take pains not to make its position on the Ancona matter a rebuke to Germany's expressions in connection with incidents of the same character.

Dropping the hyphen, as has been tried in Milwaukee literature, does not solve the problem. It may even lead to some such disproportionate capitalization as "Germanamerican."

The peace ship may prove to be only another example of how hard a rich man has to work to squander his money, even in a good cause,

Railroads have for the past few days been giving more attention to the weather bureau than even to the interstate commerce commission.

pledge. He has completely ignored and St. Louis new opportunities to

The Fine Arts Commission.

Congress has created a commis crats, and of the gossip attaching to sion of fine arts charged with the the source and meaning of the de- duty of supervising plans for public liverance. Still, he has remained structures, with the view of securing adherence to an appropriate style But suppose he had accepted the of design and standard of construc-

plank. He would probably still feel tion. That body has met diligently at liberty to withdraw that accept- and has carefully studied all projects in accordance with its general man-He specifically accepted the Panama date, and with the purpose of ob-canal tolls plank of the platform, and taining and maintaining for the Nathen repudiated it, and persuaded tional Capital a high degree of archi-Congress to repeal the law that had tectural attractiveness. But from been indorsed at Baltimore. His own time to time building enterprises are master in the one case, his own in put into execution against the recommendations of the commission, with Mr. Wilson's attitude toward the the effect of nullifying its influence.

by him, as in the case of the canal should be more definitely recognized tolls, they are now leading the move- by Congress and the administrative ment for Mr. Wilson's renomination, officials, and its recommendations and are confident of success. They should not be lightly disregarded are on record in conversations in let- whenever considerations of expeters, in interviews, and in resolutions diency or economy arise. Its refusal formally adopted at public meetings. to approve a particular plan because The idea that Mr. Wilson intends it does not conform to the establishto "rudely awaken" the country with ed or desired standard should cause an announcement taking himself out of its rejection if that refusal is based the equation for next year is strange- upon substantial grounds.. The govly conceived. Could he do anything ernment should certainly be the first that would embarrass his party more? to recognize its recommendations, on the assumption that they are free tically annihilate his party so far as from all selfish considerations and next year, is concerned? What are aimed solely at the creation of a

In its annual report the commisnation? What would be the fate of sion notes particularly the departure candidate so nominated? Who from the city's general plan of the would subscribe a red cent to a cam- design for the new Central High paign foredoomed to ridicule and School, which does not conform to any previous structure. Its verdict upon this design was ignored. So, too, was its protest against the erection by the government of an Interior Department building of brick, n an inappropriate position.

Congress should take heed of this matter. The fine arts commission has fully justified its creation in its services, but it deserves fuller recognition as an authority, to prevent further instances of flagrant departure from National Capital standards.

When the American farmer announces prosperity he inspires confidence that stimulates every branch of traffic and production. The rural speechmaker has not overemphasized his importance in the affairs of

Reference to Mr. Wilson as the "logical candidate" may easily annoy so accomplished a logician and so industrious a candidate as William Jennings Bryan.

So general is the belief in preparedness that it may be possible to be forced to send their machines to pass right on to the more important it is to be attained.

> Capt. Boy-Ed seems to be one of the people who somehow manage to provide the provocation and display the resentment.

China may get so weary of trying governments of its own that any suggestions Japan may have to offer will be welcome

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Distressing Preliminary. "Do you think the world is growng better?"

"I'm not sure about it," replied Miss Cayenne. "The world may be contemplated it's always terribly torn

Gift Enterprise.

Perhaps old Santa Claus is true, But hides himself from general view For fear his reputation prized

Would somehow be commercialized. Holiday Holdout. "Santa Claus won't bring you a Christmas tree, if you aren't careful,"

said the reproving mother. . "All right," replied the small boy,

Best Hotel. "Is this the best hotel in town?" asked the man who was getting ready

to pay his bill. "It is," replied the clerk; "the very best. Of course," he added, winsome-

ly, "I'm expected to boost."
"Well, it's a good boost for the hotel; but it's a terrible knock for the town.

After trying all the advice she could read how to reduce, all the satisfaction Miss Hortense McGhee got was to have her friends look her over and say, "How thin you're getting, dear! Aren't you feeling well?"

Good Old Days.

We're longin' fur the good old days at Pohick on the Crick. days when great inventions weren't scattered quite so thick when the most excitement that we all looked forward to Was the arrival of a train, a-bringin

faces new. engineer an' brakeman seemed like personages grand o brought a crowd of wonders from some distant fairyland, now we hear the whistle toot an'

merely pause to state,
"She's doin' well to be no more than
forty minutes late."

We're most afraid to settle down awhile to talk an' laugh, For fear bad news has started out our way by telegraph. It's gettin' hard to call a single min-

interstate commerce commission.

Mexico is still hoping that Villa and Carranza can both be gotten out of the old beaten warpath.

Next June will give both Chicago and St. Louis new opportunities to Would lead us back to plain old times.

It's gettin hard to can a single unit ute all your own—You don't know when some one will want you on the telephone.

That locomotive which we used to welcome with a smile. We view with disapproval, 'cause its shape is out of style;

An' I sometimes wish the journey which we're travelin' on so quick Would lead us back to plain old times.

Would lead us back to plain old times at Pohick on the Crick.

Consolation.

From the Cincinnati Times-Star. When you are worrying about your Christmas expenses just think of the awful bills Congress is about to present to Uncle Sam.

Fighters, Not Orators, Needed. om the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. With the United States so peaceful and prosperous, Col. Roosevelt may be driven to offer his services to one of the European belligerents.

Bryan's Convention. the New York Sun.

The President's Critics. From the Boston Herald.

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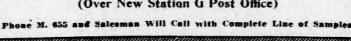


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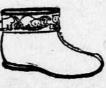




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